

TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2007

Meeting Place: Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48th Street So, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Present: Chairman Don Bohn; Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Ed Hellner, David Hartjes; Clerk Judy McLellan; Treasurer Kristine Ginter

Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.

Chairman Don Bohn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk presented information of the changes to the proposed budget resulting from the Governor signing the State Budget last Friday and the changes made after October 11, 2007 meeting.

- Property tax levy was increased to 3.86% from 2% that the board had been working with.
- Transportation Aid was increased by 3% as per signing of State Budget.
- A deficient of \$19,526 still existed with expenses left as discussed in Oct. 11 meeting.

Police Officer Rob Wiltse was present to present to the board a proposal of hiring a ¾ Time Police Officer. The Officer would work 32 hours per week at rate of \$15.00/hour. They would not be eligible for insurance benefits but would qualify for Wis. Retirement Benefit. Discussion was held as to the cost effectiveness of this position. Current costs of our part time police officers would cover over half of the costs of the ¾ position. Police coverage for the town would increase and possible elimination of the overtime occurring for our full time officers. Discussion was held and the following steps were taken to increase the police budget for the possibility of changing from using part time officers to a ¾ time position in the future.

Cut from the budget:

- \$1,200--\$100/month increase in Judge's salary
- \$1,200 for shower at Fire Department
- \$ 3,400 for tax intercept software
- \$1,000 Red Beach Project.
- \$5,000 Reduction in amount budgeted for part time help for road crew.
- \$20,000 Reduction to road construction budget.

After all changes were made, the final budget is set at the following:

- Expenditures = \$2,476,180
- Revenues (not including property tax) = \$1,284,360
- Proposed Property Tax = \$1,191,820
- Tax Rate will increase from 2006 rate = up to 2.63 from 2.40 (NOTE: assessed value does not include manufacturing value, final tax rate may decrease and will be determined after final values received from County in November)

Motion (Nystrom/Hartjes/) to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved
this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Judy McLellan
Town Clerk